

This is the story of a loveable Penguin, a caring Polar Bear, a playful Dog, a cheeky Monkey and a very imaginative Aardvark. They live on a patchwork quilt, an endless landscape of unexpected locations, each waiting to be explored. And, more than anything, these five friends love to tell each other stories.

One is the storyteller who sets the scene, one is the dedicated listener (and chief interrupter) and the other three create the characters and act out the stories with imagination and humour.

Every day there's a new patch to discover, a new story to tell. They might track down a dangerous dragon, set sail with the pirate Captain Blunderbeard, or become a hungry elephant in a tropical jungle in search of bananas. Or they might just tell a story about discovering things and having fun with your friends.

In Five Minutes More parents and children both will recognise the 'real-time' story delivery – complete with interruptions, questions and detours. Five Minutes More is as much about realising and creating stories as it is about the art of storytelling. It encourages children to use their imagination, to visit faraway places, to be anything they want to be. Children can take this whole idea and create stories in their own homes

Five Minutes More is a wonderful, peaceful world - the perfect antidate to the fast-moving images and sounds that compete for a child's attention. The soft 'hand-sewn' look of the series gently draws pre-schoolers in. But it's the style of storytelling that makes it so engaging...so that they (and you) will want to stay for **Five Minutes More**. Writers Jan Page and Mellie Buse Director Mark Barnard Producers Justine Flynn and Donna Andrews Executive Producers Angus Fletcher and Martin Robertson

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